Acquisition by Government of Perumalkulam Nanja Lands.

249. **MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to take steps for the acquisition of the Perumalkulam *nanja* lands in view of the fact that the Shencotta town is badly suffering from congestion and the owner of the above-mentioned wet lands has already withdrawn the petition for injunction which stood in the way of acquisition?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Orders were again issued, on the 28th December 1925, to proceed with the acquisition of the lands in question and it is reported that acquisition proceedings are in progress.

Porambokes in the Shencotta Taluk.

250. **MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): (*a*) With reference to the answer to question No. 66 asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 5th November 1925, *re porambokes* in the Shencotta taluk, will the Government be pleased to state whether any action has been taken by the Revenue Department *suo motu* in pursuance of the G. O. referred to therein or action was taken by that department only in a very few cases at the instance of the Public Works Department?

(*b*) If no action had been taken by the Revenue Department *suo motu*, will the Government be pleased to direct the Tahsildar of Shencotta to consult, through his *Proverthikars*, the several ryots concerned, if any *kals*, etc., that have not been recorded as *porambokes* in the last Settlement, should be acquired and recorded as such?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) As the maintenance of all irrigation tanks in the Shencotta taluk rests with the P. W. D. and as cases of voluntary surrender of *kals* to Government to be recorded as *porambokes* have not so far occurred, there has been no instance in which the Revenue Department has had to take initiative in the matter.

(*b*) In the case of *kals* and lanes which were omitted to be recorded as *porambokes* in the last Settlement and for which *pattas* were issued in the names of the adjoining land-owners, it will be a useless task if the village officers are made to investigate each case, because it will not be possible for the Government to acquire the lands on payment of compensation in all such cases. The only possible course is to look into those cases in which the necessity for the acquisition of the *kals* or lanes comes to the notice of the Government. A general investigation as suggested by the Member is not therefore practicable.

Sale of the Aykudi Government School-house.

251. **MR. N. KUMARAN** (*Nominated*): (*a*) Is it a fact that the Brahmins of Aykudi have objected to the admission of depressed class students into the Aykudi Government School and that the Government compromised the matter by surrendering the school to the Brahmins for a price?

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